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PUBLICATION OF THE CURRENT LIST

The Armed Forces Medical Library has been notified that on 5 August 1954 the Bureau of the Budget approved continuing publication of the Current List of Medical Literature. The approval expires 31 August 1957 (the normal three-year period); it includes monetary and page limitations, and a restriction on the number of copies which may be printed for official use. It is expected that the Library will be able to operate within these provisions without curtailment of the present scope and coverage of the publication. The four-column format recently adopted will be continued.

NEW BUILDING

On 19 August 1954 the Shore Station Development Board (Chief of Naval Operations) met with representatives of the Bureau of Yards and Docks and the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, and agreed to include a request for building funds for the Armed Forces Medical Library in the Navy's construction program budget for Fiscal Year 1956.

Test borings at the Bethesda site have been completed, and are favorable for the agreed-upon location. Mr. Keyes D. Metcalf, Director of Harvard University Libraries and AFML's building consultant, met with Library officials several times during the last few months, and will continue in this advisory capacity during the coming year.

ADVISORY GROUP

The first meeting of the Armed Forces Medical Library Advisory Group for Fiscal Year 1955 will be held at the Library on Friday, 1 October 1954.

The terms of three members of the Group have come to a close. Dr. Basil G. Bibby, Captain Wilbur E. Kellum, and Dr. Richard H. Shryock have served faithfully and well for the past two years and the Library administration gratefully acknowledges their contributions. Library Order No.21, published 17 August 1954, reconstitutes the AFML Advisory Group as follows:

Printing cost borne by the FRIENDS of the Armed Forces Medical Library.

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DR. WILSON RETIRES

Dr. William Jerome Wilson, Chief of the Library's History of Medicine Division since 1947, retired on 31 August. Miss Harriet C. Jameson, formerly Head of HMD's Catalog Section, now becomes Chief of the Division.

Dr. Wilson has had a long and distinguished career as a teacher, classical scholar, and librarian. An alumnus of Western Reserve (AB '05), Northwestern (AM '09), and Harvard (Ph.D '15), he held a Guggenheim Fellowship in Europe in 1927, doing research in Greek manuscripts. In 1929 Dr. Wilson became a member of the staff of the Library of Congress; he is widely known for his work with Seymour deRicci in compiling the Census of Medieval and Renaissance Manuscripts; during the war he served as historian in the Office of Price Administration.

The indebtedness of the Armed Forces Medical Library to Dr. Wilson is large; the entire staff, though regretful at his leaving, wishes him well in his retirement. Dr. and Mrs. Wilson will make their home at 4912 Berkley Street, N. W., Washington 16, D. C.

REORGANIZATION

The Photoduplication Section, since 1949 a part of the Reference Division, has been transferred to the Administrative Division, effective 19 July 1954. Mr. Raymond H. Eckenbach, formerly Head of the Photoduplication Section, has been appointed Acting Chief, Administrative Division, AFML.

INDEXING PROJECT REPORT

Dr. Sanford V. Larkey, Director of the Medical Indexing Project carried out at the Welch Medical Library of Johns Hopkins University under contract to the Armed Forces Medical Library (see AFML NEWS, November 1953), has delivered to AFML the first installment of the Project's final report. It is entitled "Survey of World Medical Serials and Coverage by Indexing and Abstracting Services," and is by Williamina A. Himwich, Helen G. Field, Eugene Garfield, John M. Whittock, and Sanford V. Larkey. The report proper consists of more than 100 pages of narrative and tabular data; fifteen voluminous exhibits are attached, consisting mostly of machine listings of medical serials in various arrangements, and a complete set (four standard boxes) of IBM cards punched for the data analyzed in the main body of the report.

The report contains a wealth of interesting and valuable information on the field of the periodical literature of medicine. The report has been thoroughly reviewed at the Library, and certain implications of the study, especially as they pertain to the Current List of Medical Literature, are being followed up.

The report was published in a limited number of copies. The Director of the Project has distributed these to a few medical libraries and organizations throughout the world. It is understood that Dr. Larkey intends to prepare a summary of his findings in a length suitable for publication in journal article form, in order that the results of the study may receive the wider distribution and attention they deserve.

EXHIBITS

The exhibit for August honored William Crawford Gorgas, 1854-1920, soldier, physician, and sanitarian, the centenary of whose birth will be celebrated in October of this year. Among the many items of interest in the exhibit were medals awarded to Dr. Gorgas and those offered by medical groups in memory of him and his distinguished work in combatting Yellow Fever in the Panama Canal Zone. The medals were from the collections of the Smithsonian Institution and the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology.

The Library's exhibit for the month of September is devoted to the World Health Organization. Descriptions of the work of the six regional offices of WHO is highlighted by a globe of the world; major WHO publications are featured, and illustrations of its work in this hemisphere, furnished by the Pan American Sanitary Bureau (WHO Regional Office for the Americas), are shown.

The August exhibit was prepared by Miss Elizabeth Moseley, with technical assistance from the Medical Illustration Service, Armed Forces Institute of Pathology. Miss Jacqueline Chambers prepared the September display.

INDEX-CATALOGUE IN MICROPRINT

The Readex Microprint Corporation has issued the four series of the Index-Catalogue in microprint form. The work is contained in four 6" x 9" slipcases, one for each series, and the entire work is being sold for $75. Besides making the Index-Catalogue more widely available, the microprint edition helps to solve the "poor-paper" problem, particularly in the first two series, now very scarce.

OBITUARY NOTES

The FRIENDS OF THE ARMED FORCES MEDICAL LIBRARY notes with deep regret the recent deaths of members and former Honorary Consultants to the Army Medical Library:

MARION F. DONDALE, on 28 June 1954; Librarian, Albany Medical College, New York; President of the Medical Library Association, 1953-54.

HOWARD DITTRICK, M. D., on 11 July 1954; Founder and Director of the Howard Dittrick Museum of Historical Medicine, Cleveland.

MURRAY GOTTLIEB, on 16 July 1954; proprietor of The Old Hickory Bookshop, New York City, and well-known dealer in old and rare books.

JAMES STEVENS SIMMONS, M. D., Brigadier General, U. S. Army, retired, on 31 July 1954; Dean and Professor of Public Health, Harvard School of Public Health, Boston; Senior Consultant to the Preventive Medicine Division of the Office of The Surgeon General, U. S. Army; recipient of the Distinguished Service Medal, the Carlos J. Finlay Order of Merit, and many other honors and awards for work in preventive and tropical medicine.

LEWIS J. MOORMAN, M. D., on 2 August 1954; Emeritus Professor of Medicine, University of Oklahoma; Editor of the Journal of the Oklahoma State Medical Association.

SUMMER SCHEDULE EXTENDED

The summertime schedule for public service at the Armed Forces Medical Library has been extended through the month of September. The Library will be closed to the public on Sundays and holidays, and on Saturdays after 1 p.m., until 1 October 1954.

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